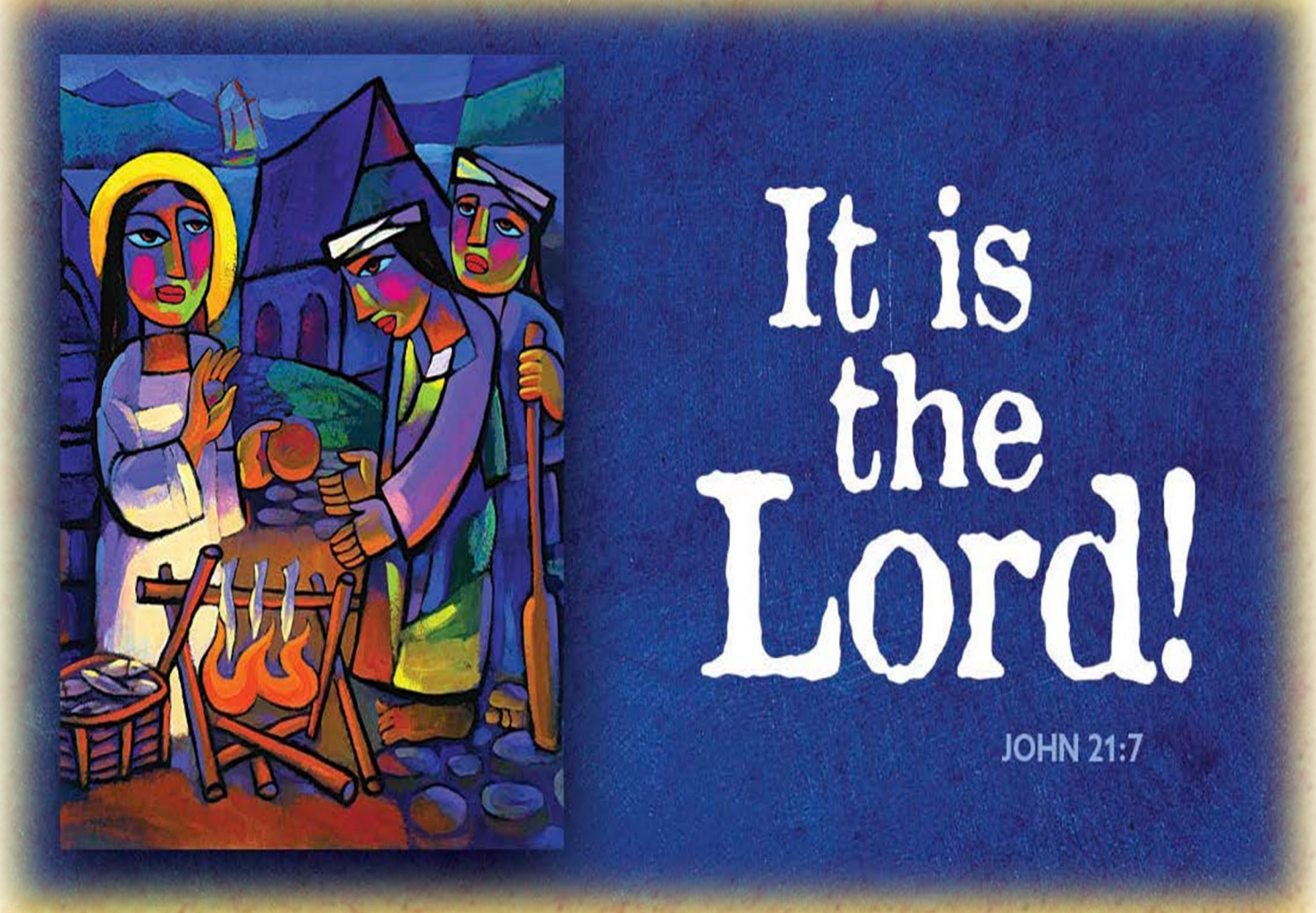

Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Ypsilanti, MI
May 4, 2025 – Third Sunday of Easter

Worship Key
P: Pastor
A: Assisting Ministers
C: Congregation

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

P: Now is the time to sing to sing the good news of God:
C: who awakens us with dawn's embrace, who surrounds us with joy and life.
P: Now is the time to offer praise to God, in every place, with every voice:
C: to rejoice in the One who leads us through each moment
with a gentle hand and a word of hope.
P: Now is the time to join all creation in extolling God,
from the depths of the sea to the farthest galaxies:
C: We will sing the good news of Easter!
We will rejoice in the God who loves us.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.
C: Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

P: In the name of ☩ the One who was, who is, and who is to come.
C: Amen.

P: Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized life, let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

P: Holy God, we give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that make a people your own, that restore to wholeness, and empower us to be witnesses in your name. Baptized into you, O Living One,
C: make us one as you are one.

P: We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that strengthen believers and give new life to beloved servants of your church; waters that extend your boundless love and cross barriers of our own making. Baptized into you, O Living One,

C: make us one as you are one.

P: We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that open the hearts of believers and give a voice in the night to those in captivity; waters that set your people on a new path, rejoicing in the Spirit's power. Baptized into you, O Living One,

C: make us one as you are one.

P: Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One, that our every day is shaped by these waters that give us our very lives in you. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One.

C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN ELW 526

"God Is Here!"

1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer
praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure
what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the
world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts
wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our life - long
need of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;
here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es -
ty of preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,
here, in new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's
flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en,
Christ sus - tains us as of old. Here the ser - vants
of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore
what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.
4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an age of
change and doubt, keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;
help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's
ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;
we, who can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

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GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

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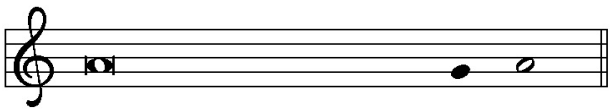


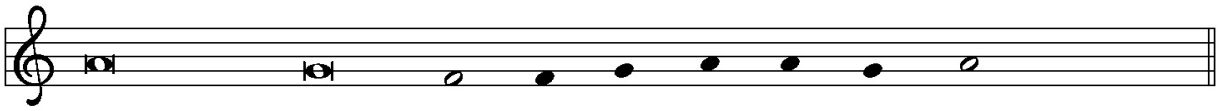
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.

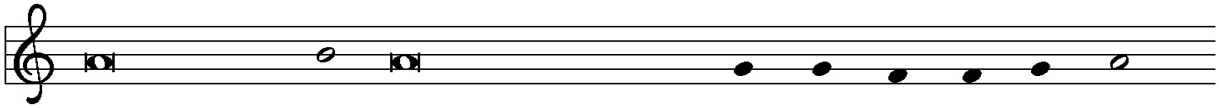
Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.



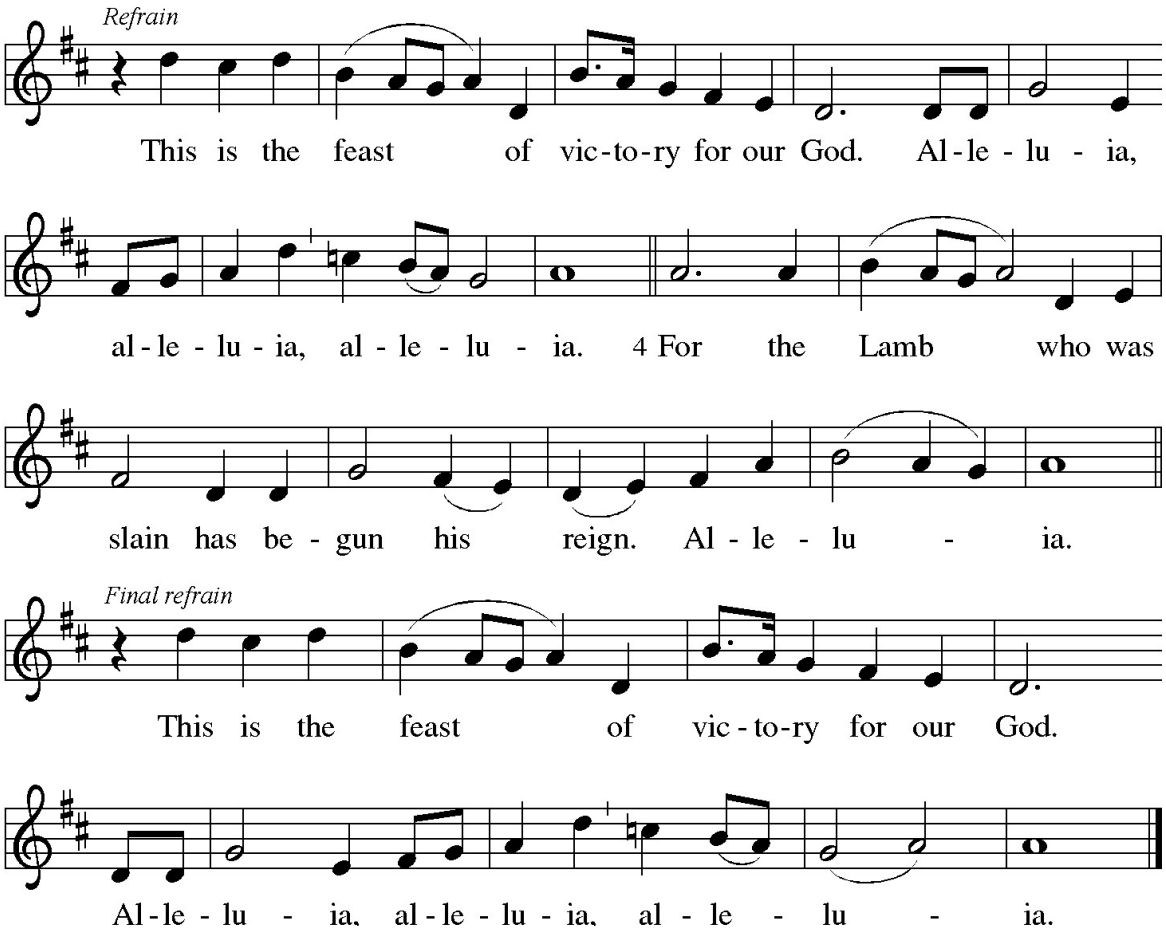
For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. **Lord have mer - cy.**

Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. **A - men.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

Refrain
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,
al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. 1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb
who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.
Refrain
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,
al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. 2 Pow-er, rich-es, wis-dom, and
strength, and hon-or, bless-ing, and glo-ry are his.
Refrain
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,
al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. 3 Sing with all the peo-ple of
God, and join in the hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing, hon-or,


Refrain
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,
al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. 4 For the Lamb who was
slain has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia.
Final refrain
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.
Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

C: Eternal and all-merciful God, with all the angels and all the saints we laud your majesty and might. By the resurrection of your Son, show yourself to us and inspire us to follow Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: Acts 9:1-20

Saul (later called Paul) was an ardent persecutor of all who followed the Way of Christ. This reading recounts the story of his transformation beginning with an encounter with Jesus Christ on the way to Damascus.

A: A reading from Acts.

1 Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to
the high priest 2 and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if
he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them
bound to Jerusalem. 3 Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus,
suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. 4 He fell to the ground and
heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" 5 He asked,
"Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are
persecuting. 6 But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to
do." 7 The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard
the voice but saw no one. 8 Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were
open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into
Damascus. 9 For three days he was without sight and neither ate nor drank.

10 Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him
in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." 11 The Lord said to him,
"Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a
man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, 12 and he has seen in a
vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might
regain his sight." 13 But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about
this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem, 14 and here he
has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name." 15 But the
Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my
name before gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; 16 I myself will show
him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." 17 So Ananias went and
entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord
Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain
your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." 18 And immediately something like
scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was

baptized, [19] and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, [20] and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God."

A: Word of God. Word of Life.
C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 30

You have turned my wailing into dancing. (Ps. 30:11)

P: [1] I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lifted me up
and have not let my enemies triumph over me.
C: [2] O LORD my God, I cried out to you, and you restored me to health.
P: [3] You brought me up, O LORD, from the dead;
you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.
C: [4] Sing praise to the LORD, all you faithful; give thanks in holy remembrance.
P: [5] God's wrath is short; God's favor lasts a lifetime.
Weeping spends the night, but joy comes in the morning.
C: [6] While I felt secure, I said, "I shall never be disturbed.
P: [7] You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains."
Then you hid your face, and I was filled with fear.
C: [8] I cried to you, O LORD; I pleaded with my Lord, saying,
P: [9] "What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the pit?
Will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?
C: [10] Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me; O LORD, be my helper."
P: [11] You have turned my wailing into dancing;
you have put off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy.
C: [12] Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing;
O LORD my God, I will give you thanks forever.

SECOND READING: Revelation 5:11-14

The vision of John recorded in Revelation offers a glimpse of cosmic worship around the throne. At its center is "the Lamb who was slain."

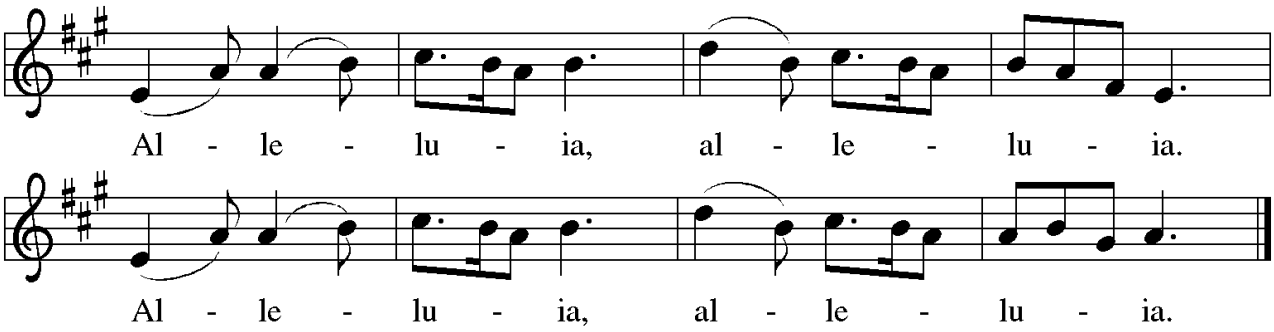
A: A reading from Revelation.

11 Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and
the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and
thousands of thousands, 12 singing with full voice,
"Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and
wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!"
13 Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in
the sea and all that is in them, singing,
"To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and
glory and might forever and ever!"
14 And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the elders fell down and
worshiped.

A: Word of God. Word of Life.
C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.



Verses may be sung by a leader. Then the alleluia is repeated.

GOSPEL: John 21:1-19

The risen Christ appears again to his disciples by the sea where they were first called. After echoes of the fishing and feeding miracles, he gives a final reminder of the cost of a disciple's love and obedience.

P: The Gospel according to John.
C: Glory to you, O Lord.

1 After [he appeared to his followers in Jerusalem,] Jesus showed himself again to
the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he showed himself in this way. 2 Gathered
there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in
Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. 3 Simon Peter said to
them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went
out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

4 Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach, but the disciples did not know
that it was Jesus. 5 Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They
answered him, "No." 6 He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat,
and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in
because there were so many fish. 7 That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It
is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer
garment, for he had taken it off, and jumped into the sea. 8 But the other disciples
came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land,
only about a hundred yards off.

9 When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and
bread. 10 Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just
caught." 11 So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large
fish, a hundred fifty-three of them, and though there were so many, the net was not
torn. 12 Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples
dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. 13 Jesus came
and took the bread and gave it to them and did the same with the fish. 14 This was
now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the
dead.

15 When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of
John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that
I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." 16 A second time he said to him,
"Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I
love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." 17 He said to him the third time,
"Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the

third time, “Do you love me?” And he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep. [18] Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.” [19] (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, “Follow me.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S TIME — Rev. Joshua Rinas

A special message for children.

SERMON — Rev. Joshua Rinas

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

HYMN OF THE DAY ACS 977

"Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table"

1 Look who gath - ers at Christ's ta - ble! Hear the sto - ries
2 Clouds of light sur - round the ta - ble; an - cient fol - low -
3 Their sad sto - ries are re - peat - ed in a thou - sand
4 Bring your joy and bring your sad - ness, and pre - pare to
that they bring. Some are weep - ing; some are laugh - ing;
ers ap - pear, saints con - fess - ing how they wres - tled
dif - f'rent ways, but they share one thing in com - mon:
be sur - prised by the host whose hands are wound - ed,
some have songs they want to sing. Oth - ers ask why they're in -
with their guilt, their doubt and fear. Pe - ter tells of his de -
they all end in thanks and praise for the host who has in -
who will o - pen wide your eyes when he bless - es bread and
vit - ed, bur - dened by the wrong they've done. Christ in - sists they
ny - ing Christ was ev - er in his sight; Paul re - lates his
vit - ed north and south and east and west to con - verge a -
breaks it— truth and man - na from a - bove!— and then pass - es
all are wel - come. There is room for ev - 'ry - one.
fruit - less ef - forts to ob - lit - er - ate the light.
round this ta - ble, where all life is fed and blest.
wine that wa - kens in your heart the taste of love.

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APOSTLES' CREED

A: Let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostle's Creed.

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died,
and was buried; he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A: God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

A: Your love sustains the church and its ministries. By that love, equip youth directors, Sunday school teachers, and all who guide formation in the church to nurture vibrant, living faith among your people. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Your abundance is made known throughout creation. Preserve oceans and rivers, lakes and estuaries, Hudson Bay, the Atlantic, and Pacific so that all creatures living in them might flourish. Make us wise stewards of our local watersheds. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Your wisdom guides all who strive for justice and peace. Strengthen the work of grassroots organizers, especially among communities on the frontlines of justice work. Amplify the voices of those most in need, that their leadership guides the way forward. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Your compassion surrounds all who are in need. We pray for all people

experiencing poverty and food insecurity, and for all struggling with debt and economic uncertainty. Reassure all who experience hopelessness or need your tender care, especially those experiencing homelessness. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: You invite all people to your table of grace. Make this a community of radical hospitality where all feel loved and celebrated. Show us how to better welcome visitors and bless the ministries of hospitality in this place, Blessing Bags, quilting, coffee hour, and membership. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: For what else does this congregation pray? Prayers may be said aloud, typed into the live chat box, or silently in your hearts…

Brief Pause for the congregation to respond.

A: We praise you for the witness of your saints of all times and places especially Monica, mother of Augustine. May their lives of faith guide us in our own journeys with you, today and every day. Hear us, O God.

C: hear our prayer.

A: We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

C: Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

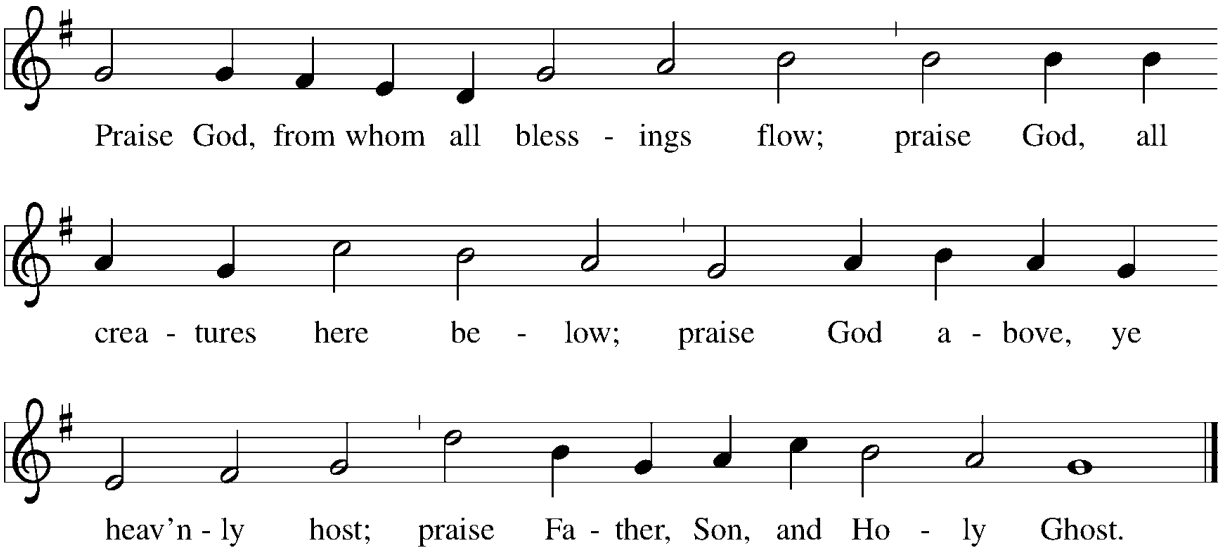
C: And also with you.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

OFFERING HYMN – *"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"*


Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise God, all
crea - tures here be - low; praise God a - bove, ye
heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Risen One,
you have gathered us around your table of grace
along with these gifts we bring.
Come among us again,
breathe your life into us,
and enliven us with this meal,
that we may live as your risen body in the world.
C: Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

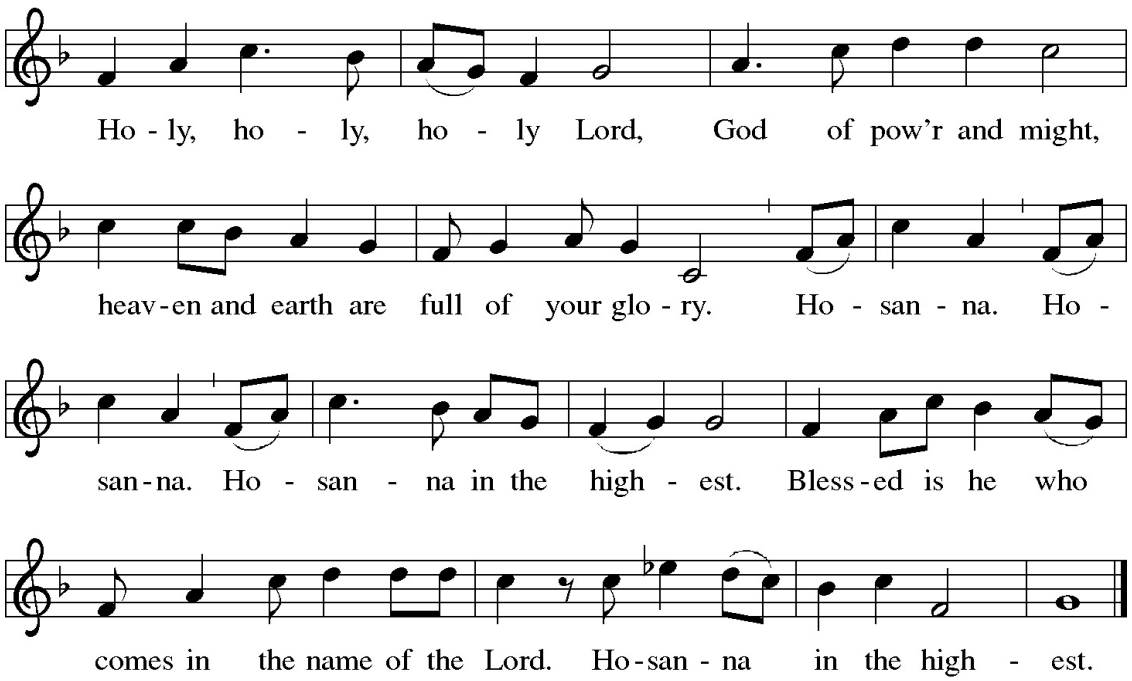
C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:


Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san - na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P: Blessed are you, O God of the universe.
Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

All creation sings your praise. Sun, moon, and stars reflect your glory.
Mountains, lakes, and forests declare your wonders.

With Sarah and Abraham we go out in faith, trusting your promise.
With Miriam and Moses we celebrate our deliverance from bondage.
With Naomi and Ruth we bind ourselves together in covenant love.
With Jonathan and David we delight in the gift of deep and abiding friendship.
With Mary and Elizabeth we welcome your presence in the birth of Jesus, the Holy One.
With Lazarus, Martha, and Mary we give thanks for the blessings of family.
With disciples and followers we marvel at the reign of God come near.
With saints through the ages we ponder the mystery of Christ's dying and rising.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

With hearts full of memories and hopes, we break this bread and share this cup, remembering the death and resurrection of Christ, and his promise to be with us always as we proclaim the mystery of faith.
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

O Divine Lover, you are the breath within us. You are our heart's desire.
You are our priceless treasure. You are the garden of paradise.

Come down, O Love divine. Come among us, O passionate Fire.
Come within us, O Spirit of unity. Come, Holy Spirit. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

Bless us, O Lord, and these your gifts, which we are about to receive from your bounty. Bless our table and the feast we share. Bless us with gladness of heart.
Come, Holy Spirit. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

At this table make us your body. Form us to be people of justice and peace. Fill us with gratitude and generosity that we may bear the fruit of love in word and deed. Come, Holy Spirit. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

Praise to you, Author of creation. Praise to you, O Beloved One. Praise to you, O Giver of all good things. Praise to you, blessed and holy Trinity, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

The presiding minister may introduce the Lord's Prayer.

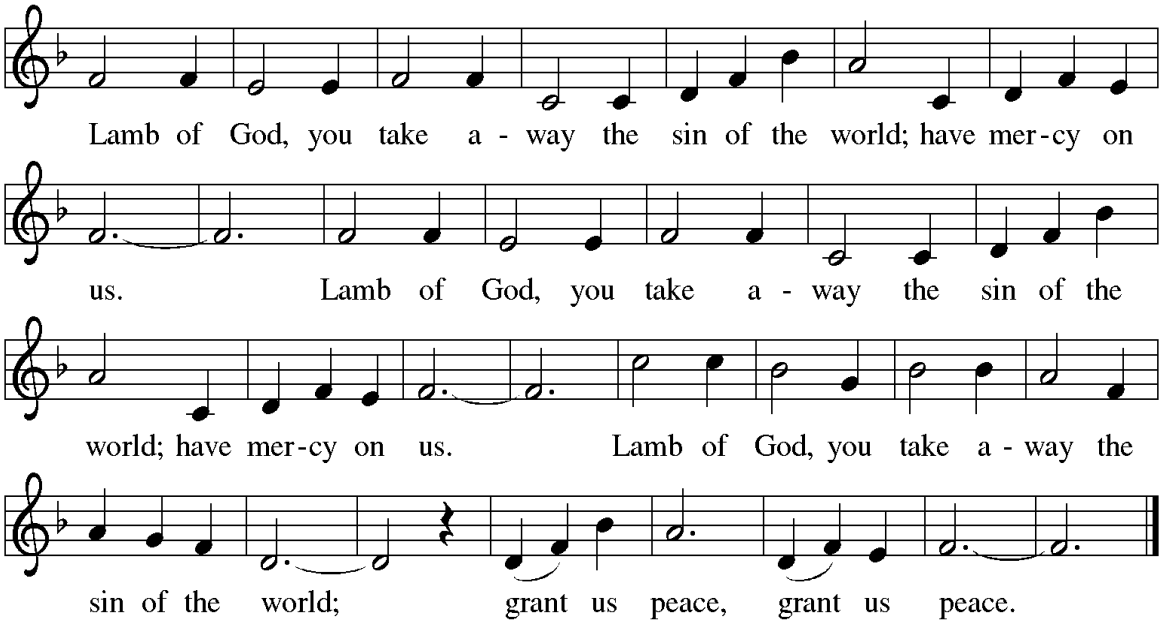
P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life.

LAMB OF GOD


Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

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COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN *"O Sons and Daughters Let Us Sing"* ELW 386

Led by the Emmanuel Chancel Choir (Please join in singing)

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
1 O sons and daugh - ters, let us sing
2 That Eas - ter morn, at break of day,
3 An an - gel clad in white they see,
4 That night the a - pos - tles met in fear;
Insert stanzas 5-8 if desired.
9 On this most ho - ly day of days,
with heav'n - ly hosts to Christ our king:
the faith - ful wom - en went their way
who sits and speaks un - to the three,
a - mong them came their mas - ter dear,
be laud and ju - bi - lee and praise:
to - day the grave has lost its sting! Al - le - lu - ia!
to seek the tomb where Je - sus lay. Al - le - lu - ia!
"Your Lord will go to Gal - i - lee." Al - le - lu - ia!
and said, "My peace be with you here." Al - le - lu - ia!
to God your hearts and voic - es raise. Al - le - lu - ia!
After the final stanza
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

5 When Thomas first the tidings heard,
that they had seen the risen Lord,
he doubted the disciples' word.
Alleluia!

6 "My pierced side, O Thomas, see,
and look upon my hands, my feet;
not faithless, but believing be."
Alleluia!

7 No longer Thomas then denied;
he saw the feet, the hands, the side;
"You are my Lord and God!" he cried.
Alleluia!

8 How blest are they who have not seen,
and yet whose faith has constant been,
for they eternal life shall win.
Alleluia!

Text: attr. Jean Tisserand, d. 1494; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.
Music: O FILII ET FILIAE, French tune, 15th cent.

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in eternal life.
C: Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray.
C: Living One,
in this feast you have made yourself known to us.
Send us now to tell of your wonders,
sing of your glory,
and proclaim your risen life
to a wounded and weary world.
Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

SENDING

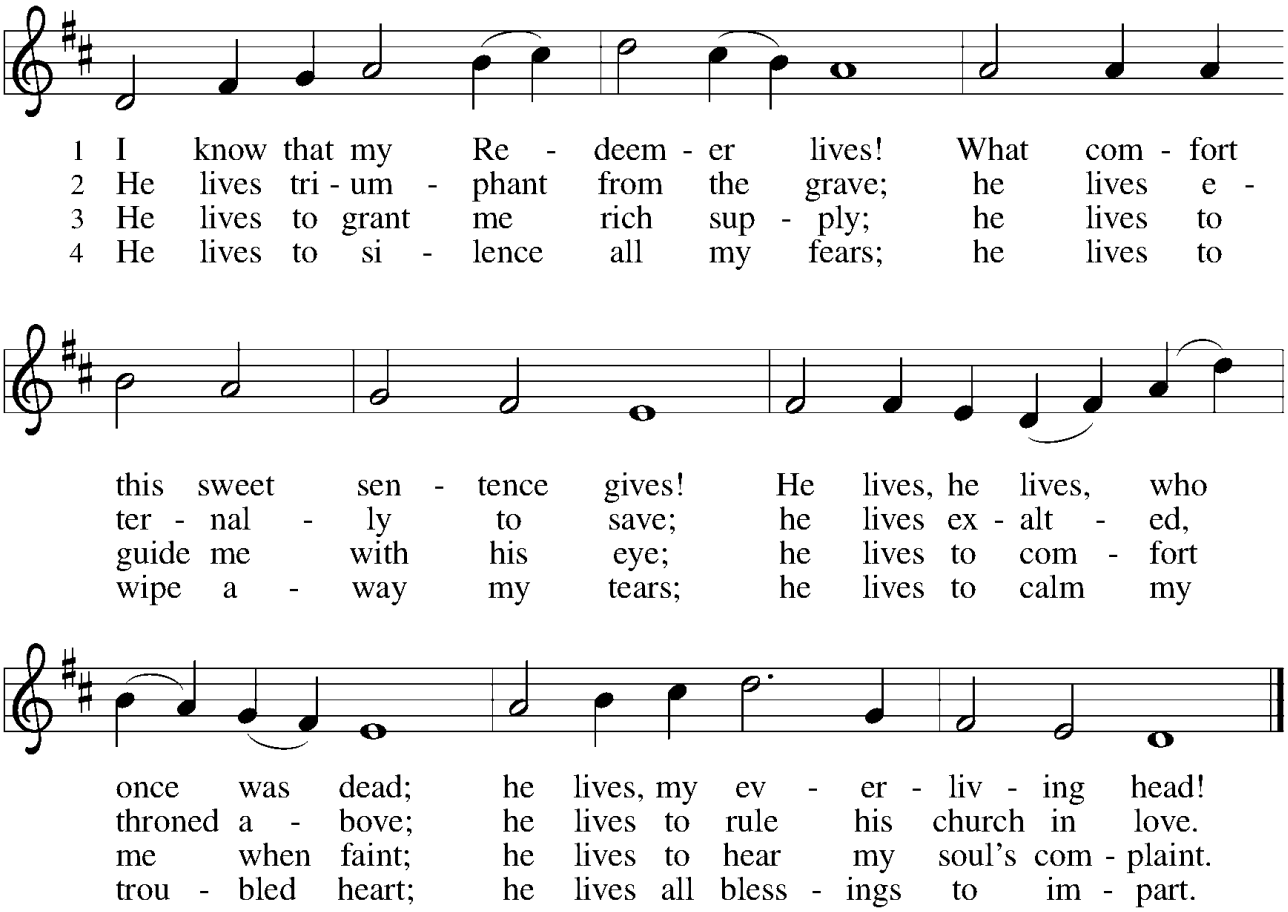
God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

P: The triune God,
who was, who is, and who is to come,
Sovereign, ☩ Savior, and Spirit,
light your way with resurrection dawn,
now and always.
C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN ELW 619

"I Know that My Redeemer Lives"


1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives! What com - fort this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, he lives, who once was dead; he lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head!
2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; he lives e - ter - nal - ly to save; he lives ex - alt - ed, throned a - bove; he lives to rule his church in love.
3 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; he lives to guide me with his eye; he lives to com - fort me when faint; he lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.
4 He lives to si - lence all my fears; he lives to wipe a - way my tears; he lives to calm my trou - bled heart; he lives all bless - ings to im - part.

DISMISSAL

A: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

A: Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome! If this is your first time with us, please add your name and information to our Guest book located in the Narthex (Lobby), we would love to connect with you.
*Hearing assistance devices and cushions are available in the back pew. Please help yourself!
*Children's bulletins available, please see an usher.
*Printed copies of the Newsletter are in the magazine holder in the Narthex.
**Christ in Our Home* devotionals (April - June) can be found in the Narthex.
*Hand Sanitizers can be found in the Narthex and hanging at the end of the pews.

Please remember to wear your Name Tag
It's a help for visitors and folks you may not have seen for a while. If you need a new Name tag, please let Jennifer know.

2025 Altar Flower Sign-up
The 2025 Altar flower sign-up has been put up on the bulletin board outside the office. **Please sign-up for your date and turn in the form and monies in the offering plate or office mailbox.** Thank you!

From Membership Committee
We would like to do an updated directory for our Emmanuel Families. There will be papers in the Narthex for you to fill out with any changes to your family information for the directory. Just fill out the paper and put it in the mailbox on the Church office door.

Ypsilanti Community Choir Presents: SPRING! Can you Hear it?
The Ypsilanti Community Choir, led by Ariel Toews Ricotta, will be putting on a FREE concert Friday, May 16th at 7:30pm. The concert will be held at Towsley Auditorium, Washtenaw Community College.

Let's Go Out to Eat!
The Membership Committee would like to invite to a meal and conversation on Tuesday, May 20th at 5pm at Aubree's in Depot Town – located at 39 E. Cross St. Ypsilanti, MI. This is simply a social event meant for people to get to know each other better. If you have a friend who you'd like to bring who isn't a member at Emmanuel, they're more than welcome!

Ways to Give: Giving can be done online by clicking here. Or mail checks to: Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 201 N. River St., Ypsilanti, MI 48198.

Paypal: Select payment type "Friends and Family" using emmanuelypsi@gmail.com. Please indicate account (general fund, flowers, memorials, etc.) where it says add message.

Mobile App: Download the Vanco Payments Mobile app for free from Google Play. In the app, select your fund and amount, enter a payment method and complete the donation.

This Week at Emmanuel

Sunday, May 4 – Easter 3

- Handbell Choir 8:45am
- Chancel Choir 9:30am
- **Worship 10:00am**
- **Birthday Coffee Hour 11:00am – 12:00pm**
- Scouts 6:00pm

Tuesday, May 6

- Reach for the Stars Exercise Class 10:30am
- Food Gatherers delivery
- Transition Team Meeting 5:30pm

Wednesday, May 7

- Clothes Closet 9:00am – 10:30am
- **Bible Study Class 12:30pm – 2:00pm**
- Food Pantry 3:00pm – 5:00pm
- AA Meeting 8:00pm – 9:00pm

Thursday, May 8

- Reach for the Stars Exercise Class 9:30am
- Refresh Committee 10:30am – 12:30pm
- YCC 7:00pm – 9:00pm

Friday, May 9

- NA Meeting 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Saturday, May 10

- Washtenaw Refugee Welcome 10:00am - Noon

Sunday, May 11- Easter 4

- Handbell Choir 8:45am
- **Worship 10:00am**
- Coffee Hour 11:00am – 12:00pm
- Scouts 6:00pm

For those with young children: Emmanuel's "Pray-Ground," located at the front of the church, was established as a positive, welcoming experience for children in church. Many churches have begun using this feature, which gives small children a space to squirm, quietly play with soft toys, books, and do arts and crafts. Parents may want to sit nearby to accompany children, but don't worry about noise—worship leaders have microphones! We encourage everyone with little ones to give this a try.

Prayers requested for: John, Mary, Vicki, Corky, Lynn, Ruth, Steve, Marilynn, Barb, Krista, the friends and family of Sybil.

Assisting Ministers Needed!

Sign up on the sheet outside the office or call the office; Or through sign-up genius. Assisting Ministers - Click here or Scan QR code

Links:

Livestream Worship - https://www.youtube.com/@emmanuelypsi
Giving Online - Online donation
Clothes Closet - ClothesCloset@emmanuelypsi.org
Food Pantry - FoodPantry@emmanuelypsi.org

Serving in Worship:

Interim Pastor..... Rev. Joshua Rinas
Minister of Worship Music..... David Meitzler
Minister of Choral Conducting..... Jamie Gallupe
Assisting Minister..... Wendy Thompson

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